

GOODYEAR CITY REPORT

August 2004

It's Drowning Impact Awareness Month . . . Watch Your Kids Around Water

It Only Takes a Second!

- ✓ Use an approved barrier to separate the pool from the house.
- ✓ NEVER allow children to be alone near a pool or any water source. This includes bathtubs, buckets, toilets, ponds, fountains and canals.
- ✓ Have life-saving devices near the pool, such as a hook, pole, or flotation device.
- ✓ Keep large objects such as tables, chairs, tricycles, and ladders away from pool fences.
- ✓ NEVER leave children unattended in or around a pool. ALWAYS have a designated child watcher.
- ✓ Do NOT allow children to play in pool area.
- ✓ LEARN CPR!!



Polling Places for September 7th Election

The following polling places will be open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.

| PRECINT | FACILITY NAME | LOCATION | CITY |
|---------------|---|----------------------------|---------------|
| Bolo | First Southern Baptist Church | 1001 N. Central Ave. | Avondale |
| Cotton Lane | Scott Libby School | 18706 W. Thomas Rd. | Litchfield Pk |
| Wildflower | Desert Edge High School | 15778 W. Yuma Rd. | Goodyear |
| Goodyear | Goodyear Community Center | 420 E. Loma Linda Blvd. | Goodyear |
| Estrella | | | |
| Mountain | Estrella Mountain Foothills High School | 13033 S. Estrella Pky. | Goodyear |
| Palm Valley | Palm Valley Community Ctr. | 14145 W. Palm Valley Blvd. | Goodyear |
| Perryville | Sundance Rec. Center | 930 N. Sundance Pky. | Buckeye |
| Wigwam | Church at Litchfield Park | 300 N. Old Litchfield Rd. | Litchfield Pk |
| Desert Edge | Estrella Mountain School | 10301 S. San Miguel Ave. | Goodyear |
| Eagles Nest | Arts/Crafts Bldg. (Eagles Nest CC) | 3657 N. Clubhouse Dr. | Goodyear |
| Tuscany Falls | Arts/Crafts Bldg. (Eagles Nest CC) | 3657 N. Clubhouse Dr. | Goodyear |

Long-Awaited Goodyear Community Park Opening Dates

Picnics! Soccer! Family Fun! The Goodyear Community Park on Litchfield and Avalon roads, north of Thomas Rd., will partially open to the public on Aug. 15th. Users can access all areas of the park except for the three playing fields. The playing fields, which will be surrounded by temporary fencing, need more time for the grass to get established before the fields can be used.



Laying sod on the fields



Tot Lot Playground awaits visitors.

The park will be fully open on Friday, Sept. 10th at 6:30 pm. At this Grand Opening, the first hour will be dedicated to ribbon-cutting ceremonies, speeches, photos and the West Valley Fine Arts Council's Gallery 37 unveiling of the four artistic stone mile markers depicting Goodyear's history.

City of Goodyear youth soccer league. The Little League game will include two teams from the Westside League.

Also at 7:30 pm, tot lot activities will include balloon twisting, face painting and magic acts. Cake, cookies, lemonade, iced tea and cold water will be served throughout the evening with the events ending at 8:30 pm.

The new youth soccer, flag football and adult softball leagues will begin play on the week of September 13th.



Contractor puts finishing touches on ballfield lights.

At approximately 7:30 pm, a Little League baseball game, a youth soccer game and an adult softball game will inaugurate the playing fields. The adult softball game will include City employees, City Council members and other invitees. The soccer game will include two teams from the new



Mayor Jim Cavanaugh

This coming September affords each of us the opportunity to vote on two issues of immense importance to the citizens of Goodyear. The many ballot questions and propositions, which were approved by City Council for a September election, are a product of two committees manned by Goodyear residents. Our Bond Committee was charged with assessing the City's future capital needs and determining whether we had the bonding capacity to accomplish those needs. The Charter Committee was charged with updating the City's Charter to better serve the future operations of the City government. Both committees accomplished their responsibilities during this past winter and spring, recommending bond questions and charter amendment propositions that should be taken to the voters.

Bond Election

The first issue is the Bond Election in which you are being asked to give the City the authorization to issue up to \$134,000,000 (that's a lot of zeros) in bonds for capital projects expected to be needed within the next five to ten years. Bonds are to City government what mortgages are to you. The Bond Committee took a hard look at what the City of Goodyear needs to build over the next few years to provide the necessary services to our citizens and felt the value of those needs over the years to be approximately \$134 million.

Voter authorization at the upcoming September election only gives us the ability to borrow *up to* that limit over a period of years. It will not result in a tax increase and does not mean that we are immediately going to go out and borrow

Mayor Urges You to Vote in September Election

\$134 million. We are limited by state law to borrowing only amounts that we have the ability to pay back. Our state legislators have placed checks and balances on those of us who run municipalities and they are important controls.

You will be asked to vote on six categories of bonds. Each is a separate question requiring a separate vote. We can only spend up to the amount asked for in each question for that particular category. In other words, if \$36 million is approved for parks, we cannot use any of that money to help fund police or sewers. We can only use it for parks.

When you vote, you can check six boxes, either "for" or "against" the bonds in each category. What, in brief, are the questions?

1. \$36M for new parks and playgrounds, to equip existing parks, install landscaping, and preserve open space.

2. \$7M to construct and equip public safety facilities.

3. \$27M to acquire land, construct facilities, install communications equipment for public administrative facilities including a library.

4. \$14M to improve and acquire storm sewers, drainage facilities, and bridges.

5. \$40M to improve, replace, and add to our sewer and effluent reuse systems, and construct sewer treatment facilities.

6. \$10M to construct a baseball stadium and clubhouse, softball, baseball, and soccer fields, basketball courts, and associated parking facilities.

The official ballot will be more descriptive. Also, you may request a copy of the minutes of the Bond Committee meetings which will provide additional rationale.

Charter Election

The second issue on the September ballot is a request to change our existing charter. As you know, a municipality's charter is its Constitution — its fundamental rules for conducting the affairs of the City. The Charter Committee recommended twelve amendments to the City

Charter which was adopted in 1988. Each of the 12 amendments are separate propositions that require a vote.

Some of the amendments are administrative and align the charter language with the existing state statutes or currently accepted City practices. Other propositions would change how the City currently operates.

Those propositions that would change current operations include:

1. Reduce the age to run for office from age 21 for council and age 25 for mayor to age 18 for both.

2. Increase the term of office for mayor from two years to four years, with the number of elected terms limited to two.

3. Increase the population at which Goodyear will be required to subdivide into electoral districts to 150,000 residents from 60,000 residents.

4. Allow City Council the right to govern the process of setting wages, hours, benefits, and working conditions of City employees.

I believe that each of the measures in the Bond and Charter elections is worthy of every citizen's review. I recommend you study the publicity pamphlet that will arrive at the home of each registered voter in early August. This pamphlet contains detailed information on every question and proposition. But, above all, I urge you to register and to vote on these important issues in September.

The last day to register to vote is August 9th, while the last day to request an early ballot is August 27th. **Election Day is September 7th.** Whether you prefer to vote early or on Election Day (see polling places on front page), please exercise your right. Choices you make at the polls on September 7th could enhance the quality of living in Goodyear for you and me, and our children, friends, and neighbors.

Apply for Southwest Valley Citizen Academy Classes

Curious about how your local government works? It's amazing what you will learn in eight evenings of education. You can sign up for all eight classes for \$50 or take single classes at \$10 each.

The Fall 2004 session runs Sept. 9th through October 28th. Classes are held from 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. at Estrella Community College. If you are interested in attending, please call 623-935-8426.

City Hall and Other City Facilities Change Hours to 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

In a further effort to help during the Valley's energy crisis, the City of Goodyear is modifying its official hours at City Hall and most other city-owned facilities to 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. These modified hours will be in effect through September. Should the energy problem still exists in October, the summer hours will be extended.

APS, which is housed in the lobby of City Hall at 190 N. Litchfield Rd, will also be observing the modified hours.

Police will continue to man its customer window from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Both Public Works Administration and Operations will work 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fire Stations #1 and #3 will change their current 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. hours to 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. The new Fire hours will mostly affect people coming to the fire stations to receive blood pressure checks or infant car seat inspections.

If you have a question as to the hours of operation of a certain City facility, please call 623-932-3910.



Goodyear City Council

(L to r): Sue Linney, Vice Mayor Dick Sousa, Fred Scott, Mayor Jim Cavanaugh, Rob Antoniak, Ken Porter, and Frank Cavalier.

Council Calendar

All Council meetings and work sessions are held at the Goodyear Justice Facility, 986 S. Litchfield Rd.

Monday, August 23 - Regular Meeting - 6 p.m.

Monday, August 30 - Work Session - 5 p.m.

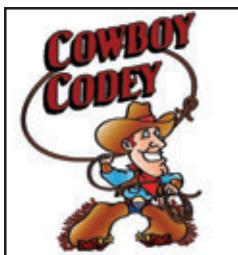
J O B O P E N I N G S

Visit the City of Goodyear Web site at www.goodyearaz.gov or call the City's 24-hour hotline, (623) 932-1716, for job listings. Goodyear accepts applications only for open positions. The Human Resources Office is located at 190 N. Litchfield Rd. Phone (623) 882-7752. TTY (623) 932-6500. EEO/M/F/V/H/D.

Labor Day Holiday Schedule - Mon. Sept. 6

Contained Trash No refuse collection for contained trash. Contained refuse for Monday routes will be collected Tuesday. Tuesday routes will be collected on Wednesday.

Uncontained Trash No refuse collection for uncontained trash. Uncontained refuse for Monday routes will be collected Monday of the following week.



**Cowboy Codey Sez:
"Be a Good Neighbor"**

The City of Goodyear needs the help of each citizen to maintain our community with pride. So, remember to obey the city codes and "Be a Good Neighbor." Some things that you could do that would help maintain a neat and clean appearance in your neighborhood is to: 1) keep your garbage in cans with lids, 2) store your garbage cans out of view of the street, and 3) keep your grass mowed and weeds pulled.

By doing a little, it helps a lot.

Don't Waste Water in the Bathroom

Almost 75% of water used in your home is used in the bathroom. Most of that is going down the drain! Avoid using your toilet for a wastebasket. Extra flushes waste water and money. Listen for gurgling sounds coming from your toilet. These noises indicate the flush valve needs to be adjusted to stop wasting water. Remember to turn off the faucet when you brush your teeth, shave and even when cleaning the bathroom. A running faucet can waste a cup of water every second. That is over three gallons of water a minute! Limit showers to no more than five minutes.

Remember; it's everyone's job to conserve our precious water!

For Customers Medically Dependent Upon Electricity During Energy Blackouts

APS's Medical Care Program's intent is to provide information to terminally ill customers or those dependent upon electrically powered medical equipment, such as an oxygen tank or respirator, to help them develop back-up or contingency strategies in the event of planned and unplanned outages.

Just notifying APS isn't enough to register a customer in the program. To qualify, the customer must undergo a comprehensive screening process, including providing a physician's statement. Registered customers receive a phone call and/or door hanger notice 24 to 48 hours in advance of a planned outage.

For unplanned outages, the customers have a special number to call to report a power outage and get an estimate of its length. Once done, they can stay at home - if they have a battery back-up system or decide to go to their back-up location based on the expected length of the outage.

To be considered for the APS Medical Care Program, contact **Sherwood** at (602) 371-6884 in the Phoenix area, or (800) 253-9405 ext. 6884, elsewhere in the state.

Your Opinion Counts

We want your ideas on how we may better serve you. Just fill out this form and return it with your garbage collection bill or mail it to Linda Dillard, Community Advocate, 190 N. Litchfield Rd., P.O. Box 5100, Goodyear, AZ 85338, or e-mail to Ldillard@goodyearaz.gov.

Comments (please print) _____

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ E-mail _____

Maricopa County in Charge of Mosquito Problem in the Valley

Maricopa County Vector Control is in charge of eliminating mosquitos.

The Maricopa County Environmental Services Department has set up a Mosquito Fogging Hotline - 602-372-3000 - for recorded information on locations of nightly fogging locations.

It takes six to seven days for mosquito larvae to hatch. The City of Goodyear is draining and rotating its recharge basins so that no water sits in the basins longer than 1-3 days. If it rains and water stands in a retention basin in a city-owned park more than 5 days, please call the City at 623-932-1637.

If you are aware of a mosquito breeding ground, dead birds or areas of stagnant water on properties not owned by the City, please do not call us. Call the County at 602-506-6616.

You can access information on West Nile Virus at www.maricopa.gov/envsvc.



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